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SUBJECT: SAHEL RR; VOLTAN DROUGHT SITUATION AND RR
ADD-ON REQUESTS

REF: STATE 64277; OUAGA 688

1. SUMMARY. IN RESPONSE REFTEL, PROPOSE SIX ACTIVITIES FOR ADDITIONAL RR FINANCING, IN ORDER FILL GAPS IN PROBLEM AREAS WITHIN RR TIME FRAME. THESE ARE ADDITIONAL TO DOLS 182,000 IN COST INCREASES FOR EXISTING ACTIVITIES REQUESTED PER OUAGA TEL 688.

ACTIVITIES ARE: A) 686-II-ANIMAL TRACTION - COOPERATIVES TO MANUFACTURE FARM IMPLEMENTS (DOLS 80,000) AND PRODUCTION OF TRYPARO-RESISTANT OXEN (DOLS 60,000); B) 686-II-ROAD IMPROVEMENTS - INSTALLATION OF BAILEY BRIDGE AT PO (DOLS 50,000) AND IMPROVEMENTS TO FADABOGANDE ROAD (DOLS 450,000); C) REG-03A - AGRICULTURAL DATA COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT (DOLS 150,000); AND D) 686-I-WELLS PROGRAM - (DOLS 150,000). TOTAL DOLS 940,000 PLUS DOLS 182,000 FOR COST INCREASES MAKING GRAND TOTAL DOLS 1,122,000 PAAD INCREASE. END SUMMARY.

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2. FOLLOWING RESPONDS TO QUESTIONS RAISED REFTEL.

A) FOOD REQUIREMENTS: 1973 HARVEST IS ESTIMATED AT 600,000 OR 750,000 TONS (DEPENDING ON SOURCE OF ESTIMATE), I.E. SAME AS 1972. FY-74 DONOR COMMITMENTS FOR MASS-CONSUMPTION GRAINS OF 79,000 TONS APPEAR SUFFICIENT TO AVERT SERIOUS FAMINE EVEN THOUGH WILL FALL SHORT OF FIGURE OF 117,000 TONS FOR IMPORT NEEDS ADVANCED BY GOUV IN LATE 1973 BASED ON FAO/MULTIDONOR REPORT.

B) FOOD DELIVERIES AND INLAND TRANSPORT. IT STILL UNSURE WHETHER ENOUGH GRAINS WILL ARRIVE IN NORTHERN UPPER VOLTA BEFORE RAINS. PROBLEMS INCLUDE ARRIVAL OF GRAIN COMMITTED BY OTHER DONORS (EXPECT BIG CRUNCH OF ARRIVALS IN JUNE, AS RAINS BEGIN), BRIDGE AT PO (RECOMMENDATION FOR RR ADD-ON BELOW), AND DORI/GOROM-GOROM TRANSPORT. RE LATTER, AT PRESENT COMMERCIAL TRUCKERS REFUSE CARRY CARGO DORI/GOROM-GOROM BECAUSE OF ROAD CONDITIONS AND ARMY-HELD TRUCKS PROVIDED BY CANADA AND GERMANY ARE DEADLINED IN DORI NEEDING MAINTENANCE. HOPE THAT ENOUGH OF RR-FUNDED WORK ON ROUTE CAN BE COMPLETED BEFORE RAINS TO OPEN ROAD. UN-AVAILABILITY OF GASOLINE AND TRUCK REPAIR/MAINTENANCE CAPABILITY IN GOROM-GOROM ARE PART OF PROBLEM BUT THESE MAY BE RESOLVED WHEN ACCESS IS IMPROVED. RE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS MENTIONED PARA 4(B) REFTEL A, US AND FED FINANCED IMPROVEMENTS ARE GOING AHEAD ON DORI/FOROM/MARKOYE AND DORI/SEBBA ROADS. ROADS SHOWN FOR AFDB FUNDING ARE THEORETICAL LIST WHICH AFDB HAS NOT COORDINATED WITH GOUV; THESE INDICATE AFDB GOOD INTENTIONS AND WILL IN LONG-TERM BE TRANSLATED INTO IMPROVEMENTS TO SOME ROAD OR OTHER;HOWEVER, THEY SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE READ AS INDICATION LIKELIHOOD OF EARLY IMPROVEMENT TO ANY PARTICULAR ROAD. IBRD FUNDING IS MEDIUM-TERM IN NATURE AND WILL COVER ESTABLISHMENT OF REPIAR TEAM FOR SECONDARY ROADS; GOUV AT PRESENT HAS NO SUCH CAPABILITY. FAC IS SCHEDULED FUND CONSTRUCTION KONGOUSSI/DJIBO LATERITE ROAD AS LONG-TERM PROJECT. RECOMMENDATION FOR RR RUNDING OF AN ADDITIONAL ROAD IS BELOW.

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C) STORAGE GRAIN WAREHOUSES FINANCED BY USAID GRAIN STABILIZATION AND RR ACTIVITIES, FED, AND WEST GERMANY ARE PRESENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION. IT WOULD BE BEST TO WAIT UNTIL NEXT FALL BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO DETERMINE WHAT GAPS MAY EXIST IN THE DEVELOPING PATTERN OF PERMANENT STORAGE FACILITIES. TEMPORARY NEED FOR TARPAULINS TO COVER GRAIN IN OPEN STORAGE IS BEING MET BY TARPS ALREADY RECEIVED BY THE GOUV PLUS FIFTY TARPS

BEING SUPPLIED BY VARIOUS DONORS PER OUAGA 687.

D) HEALTH/NUTRITION/REFUGEES. THERE ARE NOW ABOUT 3,000 MALIAN REFUGEES IN OUDALAN CERCLE AND PROBABLY SOME 5,000 TOTAL IN NORTH. RED CROSS IS ON THE SCENE AND APPEARS TO BE MONITORING SITUATION. BOTH RED CROSS AND SAVE-THE-CHILDREN FUND ARE ACTIVE IN MEETING NEEDS AND UNICEF IS WORKING UP CHILD FEEDING PROGRAM IN NORTH.

3. ADDITIONAL FINANCING FOR RR ACTIVITIES WHICH NEEDED TO MEET CRITICAL GAPS IN MAJOR PROBLEM AREAS ARE FOLLOWING:

A) ANIMAL TRACTION - DOLS 80,000 TO ESTABLISH TWO ARTISANAL COOPERATIVES FOR FABRICATION OF BASIC FARM MACHINERY IN BOBO-DIOULASSO AND OUAGADOUGOU. FARM MACHINERY ESSENTIALLY PLOUGH SETS. UN PREPARED PROVIDE TWP EXPERTS, GOUV TO PROVIDE LAND AND LOANS FOR PURCHASE OF RAW MATERIALS, LOCAL CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE. FINANCING NEEDED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WORKSHOP, SHOP TOOL PURCHASE AND FIRST YEAR OPERATING COSTS; AFTER THAT, COOPERATIVES WOULD BE SELF-FINANCING. ACTIVITY, WHICH COMPLIMENTARY TO EXISTING RR MATOURKOU AND ANIMAL

TRACTION PROJECTS (686-B&C), HAS BEEN REVIEWED BY DR.

MORRIS WHO STRONGLY ENDORSES. ONE DYNAMIC SWI UN TECHNICIAN ALREADY IN COUNTRY AVAILABLE FOR BOBOGA CENTER. HIGH COST OF ANIMAL TRACTION EQUIPMENT IS PRESENTLY ONE OF CRITICAL ELEMENTS IN SPREAD OF MIXED FARMING IN UPPER VOLTA; PROPOSED PROJECT SHOULD REDUCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COSTS, PROVIDING VITAL IMPETUS TO LARGE-SCALE PROGRAM.

B) PRODUCTION OF TRYPARO-RESISTANT OXEN OF SUFFICIENT SIZE TO BETTER PLOW LOCAL SOILS IS SECOND MAJOR ELEMENT NEEDED TO ENCOURAGE LARGE-SCALE EXTENSION OF MIXED FARMING;. PROPOSE DOLS 60,000 FOR EXPANSION OF MIXED FARMING. PROP STRIKE THIS LINE EXPERIMENTAL TRYPARO-RESISTANT AZAWAK/NDAMA CROSSBREED HERD AT FARAKO-BA TO PROVIDE SOME OFFTAKE (PERHAPS 30 ANIMALS PER YEAR); FOR TESTING IN VILLAGE SITUATION. THIS IS SMALL COMPARED TO TOTAL NEED (SEE PROPOSAL FOR LIVESTOCK BREEDING CENTER DEVELOPED DURING MARCH SAHEL TASK FORCE - OUAGA TEL 450 PARA 3-F) BUT IT HAS IMPORTANT ADVANTAGE OF BEING BUILT ON 8-YEAR-OLD BREEDING PROGRAM AND WOULD BE SELF-FINANCED FOLLOWING THIS

MODEST INVESTMENT IN ENLARGED FACILITIES. WHILE OTHER
PROGRAMS FOR CROSSBREEDING OF TRYPARO-RESISTANT OXEN
ARE IN DISCUSSION STAGE, NONE ARE LIKELY PRODUCE
RESULTS IN NEAR FUTURE. PROPOSED ACTIVITY HAS IMMEDIATE

VALUE AND WILL PROVIDE COST/EFFECTIVENESS INFORMATION
NEEDED WHEN THIS OR SOME OTHER CROSSBREEDING ACTIVITY
GOES LARGE-SCALE. MORRIS HAS REVIEWED PROPOSAL AND
STRONGLY ENDORSES.

C) REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE AT PO IS ESSENTIAL TO MAINTAINING
ONLY BLACK-TOP HIGHWAY LINK WITH COAST,
OVER WHICH US SORGHUM SHIPMENTS ARRIVE. FED IS FINAN-
CING RECONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE BUT IT IS QUESTIONABLE
WHETHER JOB CAN BE DONE BEFORE RAINS. GOUV HAS BAILEY

BRIDGE ON ORDER WHICH IS EXPECTED ARRIVE IN COUNTRY
SHORTLY. REQUEST DOLS 50,000 TO COVER INSTALLATION OF
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D) FAD-BOGANDE ROAD IMPROVEMENT DOLS 450,000 IS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN EASTERN ORD DEVELOPMENT AND WOULD PROVIDE ACCESS TO MAJOR AGRICULTURE REGION ON SOUTHERN EDGE OF SAHEL. ROAD NOW BARELY PASSABLE TO STANDARD VEHICLES IN DRY SEASON. UPGRADE THIS ROAD IS ON CILSS LIST OF DROUGHT-RELATED PROJECTS APPROVED BY CHIEFS OF STATE IN SEPT 1973. FOR RR ADD-ON, PROPOSE MINIMUM IMPROVEMENTS SIMILAR TO THOSE BEING CARRIED OUT ON DORI/ GOROM/MARKOYE ROAD BY LOCAL CONTRACTOR. USAID DESIGN TEAM FOR ORD DE L'EST IS NOW IN BOGANDE AND WILL BE ABLE PROVIDE ADDITIONAL JUSTIFICATION ON THEIR RETURN.

E) REG-03A AGRICULTURE DATA COLLECTION DOLS 150,000 WAS PART OF ORIGINAL RR PROPOSAL FOR UV. PROPOSAL NOW WITH WARREN USDA WHO SHOULD BE CONTACTED. BELIEVE NOW READY FOR FINANCING.

F) WELLS PROGRAM DOLS 150,000 IS ACTIVITY CARRIED OUT BY PEACE CORPS, FUNDED IN PAST BY VARIOUS PRIVATE DONORS. IT RECEIVED USAID STEPS FUNDING OF DOLS 60,000 IN AUGUST 1973. PROPOSAL SEEKS TWO-YEAR FUNDING FOR PRODUCTION 300 WELLS PER YEAR. PROGRAM IS LEAST COSTLY, MOST PARTICIPATORY WELLS PROGRAM IN COUNTRY. IT IS HIGHLY COMPLIMENTARY TO MECHANIZED NON-PARTICIPATORY PROGRAMS OF FED AND HER. GIVEN DROUGHT CONDITIONS AND LOWERING WATER TABLE PROGRAM IS VITAL TO VILLAGE WATER SUPPLIES AND A MOST VALUABLE DEMONSTRATION TO GOUV OF EFFICACY OF VILLAGE PARTICIPATION IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. FORMER DONORS HAVE NOT BEEN FORTHCOMING WITH ASSISTANCE. IN EFFORT TO EFFECTIVELY PLAN PROGRAM AND ACHIEVE COST ADVANTAGES OF SUCH PLANNING, PROPOSE TWO YEAR FUNDING. BELIEVE PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS FULLY PROVEN, AND AT RURAL LEVEL THIS IS PROBABLY MOST VISIBLE SINGLE EFFORT THAT COULD ASSOCIATE US PARTICIPATION IN STRUGGLE AGAINST EFFECTS OF DROUGHT.

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4. GOUV HAS EXPRESSED ITS INTEREST IN ALL THESE ACTIVITIES BUT ONLY AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS HAS BEEN

DISCUSSED IN DETAIL. DETAILED ACTIVITY PROPOSALS CAN
BE QUICKLY PREPARED IF FUNDING AVAILABLE.

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